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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/735,242
Filed: December 12, 2003
Title: **Nucleic Acid Sequences Encoding β -Ketoacyl-ACP Synthase
and Uses Thereof**
Applicant: Katayoon DEHESH
A&P Ref. No.: 16518.134

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (6 pages) with 50 accompanying references; and
3. Return postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

The attention of the Examiner is invited to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith.

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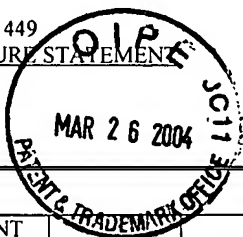
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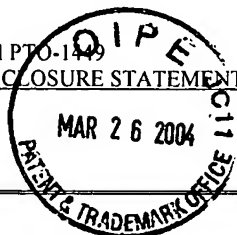
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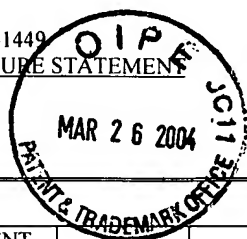
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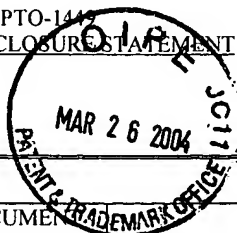
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